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1. At the beginning of March 1947, approximately 4,000 men were employed by the Neptun-Werft in Rostock. It was recently announced by the director of this Soviet AG that a new SMA plan called for a personnel increase during 1947 up to 7,000-8,000 men.

25X1A Comment: The current employment figure of 4,000 is believed to be substantially correct. The future strength represents an increase over an estimate reported by a fairly reliable source in January 1947. At that time, it was said, the Russians sought to increase employees to 6,000.

2. A new chief engineer, Hertzig, has been appointed at the Neptun-Werft. Hertzig is said to have held responsible positions in Soviet shipyards for a number of years and to have been engaged in this type of work during the war.

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3. Torpedo boats and minesweepers being overhauled at the Neptun-Werf are intended for assignment to the Black Sea Fleet.

25X1A Comment: Paragraph 3 appears to be based on statements made by Soviet personnel and should be read with reserve.

4. A plan is being developed to revive the Stettiner Vulcan-Werft AG in Wismar. Former executives of this Stettin shipyard have already been drafted and it is intended to seek out former Heinkel, Dornier, and Arado workers under a plan which calls for the employment of 4,000 to 6,000 men by the end of 1947. Barracks of the Soviet Army in Wismar will be evacuated to make room for the families of workers. The reconstituted Vulcan-Werft will construct commercial vessels, leaving Soviet Navy work to the Neptun-Werft.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: A report of late December 1946 stated that the Vulcan Werft had been completely dismantled and its large floating dock transferred to Kaliningrad (Königsberg). The same report added, "All small tugs from Stettin are being taken round to Wismar, which is to take the place of Stettin when [the latter city] is finally handed over to the Poles." Present source does not report whether or not the Vulcan-Werft name is to be retained when, as, and if the shipyards are activated in Wismar.

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